

In the Claims:

Please cancel Claims 6-10, without prejudice or disclaimer,  
and amend Claim 1 as follows:

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1. (twice amended) A method for providing vent apertures to a web component of a plastic bag, comprising the steps of:

providing a cutter which cuts a line of vent apertures along a first direction, said vent apertures being oriented in a second direction which is not parallel to said first direction;

providing an anvil means against which said cutter bears, thereby creating a nip; and

drawing the web component through said nip formed between said cutter and said anvil means thereby forming said line of vent apertures in the web component.

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